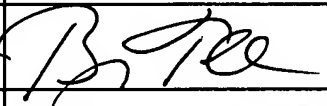


REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 17, 2005, has been reviewed and carefully noted. Claims 1-20 and 22-26 have been allowed. Claim 27 is hereby cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, the present application is now in condition for allowance.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that the application still is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact, by telephone, the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event that this paper is not timely filled, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

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